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Our liberty depends on the freedom of the press, and that cannot be limited without being wholly lost.—Thomas Jefferson.

A TEMPEST IN AN INK-WELL

A good deal of tempestuous discussion for such warm weather as the present has been stirred up in the row about the loan fund commission's action in awarding a school-desk contract to the highest bidder. There seems to be no doubt, according to an interpretation of the law from the attorney-general's office, that the commission was within its legal rights, and that it has the discretion of accepting a higher bid, if it believes the wares are superior.

In this case, the commission's judgment is backed by that of two experienced schoolmen who certainly ought to know what kind of desks are giving the best service. Both are quoted as stating that the desk offered by the successful bidder is the most desirable of the three kinds considered.

The amount of money involved is small, but the principle is important. Legal proceedings to force the award of the contract to the lowest bidder would test the law on the point, and outside of the reality of the act itself, the only question is whether or not the desk chosen by the commission is really better than those offered by competing bidders. On this point there is room for a discussion that will last for several years without a decision that can satisfy everybody, and if the court is going to be asked to take the case up, the rest of the community might as well try to keep cool during the hot summer months and let the academic discussion of hinges and seats and ink-wells go on, particularly as it's vacation anyway.

IN DARKEST SOUTH AMERICA

The atrocities of the Congo under Belgium seem harmless compared to the terrible cruelty reported to be characteristic of the operations of a British rubber company in South America.

No less an authority than Sir Roger Casement, British consul-general at Rio de Janeiro, has described at length barbarities of almost unspeakable heinousness practiced in the rubber district of the upper Amazon, and as Sir Roger substantiates the stories of witnesses in a formal report, and as he was formerly consul in the Congo and investigated the Belgian cruelty there, there seems no doubt that the British company has made of itself a hideous machine of torture for the sake of a few pounds.

Under the sting of these stories, not only Great Britain but the United States and other nations are stirring to action and it is notable that as a practical remedial measure it is proposed to establish a Christian mission on the Putumayo. Peru has decreed that it is against the constitution to admit the Reformed faith into the country and Sir Roger Casement and others intend to establish a Catholic settlement in the region.

The tale of cruelty is almost unbelievable, and the British company's operations have already occasioned the use of the phrase "In Darkest South America."

KEEPING ORDER AMONG NATIONS

A "Big Brother" movement among nations is figured in a notable statement that, given originally in Paris by an American, has caught international fancy and is becoming the subject of wide comment.

Dr. Norman Dwight Harris, professor of history in Northwestern University, and a visitor to Europe, in commenting upon the Italian-Turkish war made this statement:

"I think that ultimately the leading nations of the world must unite for purposes of trade, justice and commercial organization with a view to supersede the competition of corporations.

Thus the United States will have the chief foreign trade, probably, of South America and the far east, provided our people awake to the situation before England and Germany have monopolized these fields. I believe that the day will come when the present crushing armaments will be superseded by one big international army and navy for the purpose of keeping order throughout the world."

That one great army and navy, like some wise patient, just and firm big brother, will ultimately maintain order throughout the world is a daring and somewhat Utopian thought, but not by any means so absurd as might at first glance seem the case. The Hague tribunal would have been just as absurd not many decades ago; the world-peace movement is even now branded as Utopian by over-zealous men of war; and yet both are working out in practical results. Dr. Harris is putting forth a somewhat novel view of an international alliance to control and supersede corporations, and tacitly he seems to recognize the inability of national laws to check the growth of corporation supremacy.

He is looking far into the future, but at least he is not looking as a pessimist, but as the best kind of an optimist—the man who believes because he has faith in human intelligence to suggest practical methods.

A HANDY COMMANDMENT

Oh, Roosevelt's scriptural slogan, "Thou Shalt Not Steal," evidently is to be used only on certain occasions.

It is to be drawn upon the Taft forces like a sword from its scabbard and flourished in the air with vast popular effect, a good deal like a circus act, but there are times when it is to be sheathed, and one of these times is when there is talk of what the presidential electors are going to do.

Senator Dixon, Roosevelt's manager, is out with the declaration that already seventy-five electoral votes have been pledged for Roosevelt regardless of the wishes of the states they represent.

Of course this isn't stealing; no, indeed. The eighth commandment is not being violated, oh no, indeed.

The unvarnished truth is that no elector in the history of the United States has betrayed the wish of those whom he represented. The unvarnished truth is that without any legal restriction, public opinion has been so binding that no elector has dared to defy it by going contrary to the expressed desire of those who voted for him.

Dixon's audacity is also the audacity of Roosevelt. Dixon's boast that he has pledged Republican electors to betray their trust is the boast of the rough-riding colonel. Roosevelt's supporters threw fits all over Chicago at the mere mention of seating Taft delegates; and, after throwing fits, they declared righteously that Roosevelt would not accept the nomination with stolen votes. Roosevelt supporters came back to Hawaii with the statement that the colonel could have won the nomination by taking tainted votes, but he would not do it.

Where are those qualms of conscience now, when it is a matter of pledging for Roosevelt men who were nominated as Taft electors? Where are those pious paroxysms?

That was a generous gift the leper settlement made to the Duke Kahanamoku fund. If all the gifts were as large in proportion to the means of the givers, the fund would have been oversubscribed some weeks ago.

While the sugar trust is getting lambasted at one end of the continent, it is paying a quarter of a million dollars for customs frauds at the other end. And still it manages to make both ends meet.

No businessmen's ticket, however good, can be elected unless the businessmen get out and hustle for it during the campaign.

New York city's police scandal bears out the accepted fact that where much gambling exists the police are financially interested.

Another subordinate city official has a new automobile. Some day the taxpayers are going to get tired of this sort of thing.

Suggested for the loan fund commission: "School days, school days, dear old golden-rule days."

"Your money or your life" was the encouraging suggestion the sugar trust made to the beet-sugar men.

Evidently the public isn't going to let one steam-roller we know of exceed the limit.

What part is "dago red" going to play in the coming territorial campaign?

PERSONALITIES

MISS PEARL AND VIRGINIA WADE and Miss Augusta Riff left last week for Honolulu to be gone several weeks.—Sacramento Bee, July 16.

MRS. SEXTON of San Francisco left for the volcano today. While in the islands she will collect material for a book. She is the author of several works, including a textbook used in the California schools.

MISS O'BRIEN, one of the best-known teachers of San Francisco, is visiting Honolulu. Her mother was a sister of the late Mrs. Steward of Kaneohe and while in Honolulu visiting relatives made the robe in which the Prince of Hawaii, the ill-fated heir of Kamehameha IV, and Queen Emma, was christened in the Anglican church.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

ALEXANDER YOUNG—How is that marine biological laboratory coming on?

DR. C. W. ELIOT—Please express my appreciation of Hawaii and her people. My visit here has been a delightful and instructive one.

A. D. COOPER—The Republican territorial central committee did not forget to issue the primary call. We knew we had until the last day in July to do it.

SUPERVISOR MURRAY—A good many people seem to think we are trying to make the Rapid Transit pave with bitulithic between the rails. That is not the case. What we ask is that it pave between the double tracks with bitulithic.

Whether the new bond issue will be delivered to the purchasers in bulk or will be divided into deliveries set several months apart has not yet been determined, and it is one of the questions over which Governor Frear is doing some deep thinking these days.

He received a cable from Treasurer Cushman this morning asking for information with regard to this point, but a definite decision has not been reached.

There is a possibility that the delivery of the entire issue at once and the same time might prove more expedient to the Territory than a divided delivery. Interest on the bonds dated from the day of their delivery to the purchaser. The payment also is made on delivery, and unless the entire amount realized from the sale could be put into active use immediately, the Territory would be paying interest on a large sum that lay in the vaults, from which it would be deriving no benefit.

Of course, says the Governor, it might be possible to place the money not needed for immediate use in a local bank and draw interest that would help defray the interest paid for it by the Territory. But it is a question whether this would prove satisfactory or adequate.

The subject is receiving careful consideration from many viewpoints and probably will be decided within the next few weeks.

FLEET DUE BY END OF WEEK

The cruiser California and South Dakota, all that is left of the Pacific fleet under Admiral Southerland's flag, is expected here next Saturday or Sunday. While the naval station has not been able to get in wireless touch with either vessel, advices have reached Admiral Cowles that both sailed from Yokohama July 24, which should bring them to Honolulu on the 3rd or 4th of August. The supply ship Glacier will also arrive about the same date, having left Far Eastern waters in advance of the cruisers.

The flagship and the South Dakota will require more coal than was at first expected, the requirement for each ship being 1600 tons. The Glacier will take a smaller amount into her bunkers. The fleet will be here only long enough to coal, being under orders to proceed to Bremerton as soon as possible.

Even a homely man is apt to boast of how the women run after him.

FOR SALE

Harbottle Lane—3-bedroom cottage.....\$2000
Harbottle Lane—2-bedroom cottage.....1200
Harbottle Lane—2-bedroom cottage.....1750
Puunui—Residence lot, 30,000 sq. ft.....1100
Kewalo—Lots 20 and 21, Blk. 2.....1000
Kewalo—Lots 22 and 23, Blk. 3.....4500
Anapuni Street—2-bedroom house.....4750
Anapuni Street—2-bedroom modern bungalow.....4750
Pikei Street—3-bedroom house.....4750
King Street—New 2-bedroom cottage.....2850
Young Street—Residence lot, 12,981 sq. ft.....2000
Kaimuki—Modern 4-bedroom house.....8500
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Tantalus—Lot for country home.....

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THE RIGHT KIND OF TREATING.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.
Sir:—I am enclosing a clipping from a railroad man's magazine which it seems to me has a bearing on Hawaii's bitter experience with "dago red."
(Signed) POOR MAN.

The clipping reads as follows:
Lincoln, the capital city of Nebraska, is a "dry" town—that is, there are no saloons in Lincoln. This, however, is a matter of recent occurrence.

A few days ago four railroad men started from the yards, headed for the baseball grounds. Their course took them by four buildings formerly occupied by saloons, which impelled one of them to jokingly remark:

"I'd ask you in to have something, but everything is closed."

"Oh, not all the places are closed," said another one. "Come in here with me and have something."

With this the speaker headed into a clothing store, followed by three curious comrades.

"Give me a lay-down collar, size sixteen, and give each of these fellows the kind of a collar they want."

Each man gave his size and style and the clerk wrapped four collars in separate packages. Each man took his package and walked out. Not a word was said for about a block, and then the man who had first spoken blurted out:

"Say, wouldn't all of us have a lot of collars and ties, and shirts and such things if we'd had good sense?"—International Railway Journal.

TWISTING A DISCOVERY.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.
Sir:—In the morning paper there appeared a short article in regard to my finding new trees on the island of Hawaii. First, there is no truth in the matter and, second, the wording of the rest of the paragraph is absurd and ridiculous. The whole thing was copied from a note in the Hawaii Herald, which heard some things, but of course not correctly and twisted things around, as is usually the case.
Yours truly,
J. F. ROCK.

DEPORTING "UNDESIRABLES."

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.
Sir:—Is there not a U. S. law authorizing the deportation of criminals, vagrants or prostitutes within a certain period (two or three years) even after admittance into the territory? I have the impression that the U. S. immigration laws contain such provision. And would it not be a splendid thing (if there is such a law) for the officials to make use of it from time to time, rather than have the islands filled with such persons? Probably the word "mild" is an exaggeration, but it is a well-known fact that there are many far too many of this class now in Honolulu, and brought here under the immigration laws as laborers, persons who, after getting admitted under our easy labor laws, prefer to make up the occupations mentioned in the second line of this article rather than labor.

Could not the gentleman who just pleaded guilty of manslaughter (but really guilty of a greater crime) have been deported under this law? Could not many of the class stated, now residing in Waialeale, Kakaako and other parts of the city (who ought to be in the chain gang), be deported under the laws? Is there such a law, Mr. Editor? Can you inform us?
DEPORT.

The amended Congressional Act of March 26, 1910, provides for the deportation of any alien who may be proved to be interested in any manner in prostitution. This Federal statute is broad and thorough and permits the deportation of all such characters. Aliens not resident within the Territory more than two or three years may be deported for criminal acts or vagrancy, provided it can be shown their crime or condition arises from causes originating prior to their arrival here. In the case above mentioned, the legal authorities, it is stated, hold that the guilty person can not be deported.—Editor.

PRESS CLUB TO BE THE GUESTS

Members of the Press Club who are also members of the Outrigger Club will be hosts to the rest of the writers next Sunday at the Outrigger Club grounds. The grounds are to be thrown open all day long and lunch will be spread from 11 a. m. to 3 p. m. The big lanai on the grounds has also been offered for the use of the club if a meeting is held, as has been suggested.

Do You Know About Diamonds?

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Mrs. Dashaway—Yes, while we were in Egypt, we visited the Pyramids, city of magnificent distances? They were literally covered with hieroglyphics.
Mrs. Pnueirich—Ugh! Wasn't you way between what you go after and afraid some of 'em would get on you? what you get?

FOR RENT

FURNISHED

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Matlock Avenue	27.00
Kalihi	\$18.00, \$25.00, 35.00
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How Is Business And Why

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Increasing demand for furnished and unfurnished houses.

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Keeaumoku Street	2 Bedrooms	\$40.00
Waikiki	2 "	35.00
Pacific Heights (partly furnished)	2 "	30.00
Central Avenue, Palolo (partly furnished)	.....	2 "	30.00
Mountain House, Palolo (for 3 months)	.....	2 "	30.00

Unfurnished

1915 Kalakaua Avenue	.....	3 Bedrooms	\$35.00
Lunalilo Street	.....	3 "	35.00
Matlock Avenue	.....	3 "	27.00
Pikei Street	.....	3 "	30.00
Lunalilo Street	.....	3 "	30.00
Beretania Street	3 "	25.00
Waikiki (August 1)	2 "	12.50
Manoa	4 "	40.00
Nonpareil	2 "	22.00
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Makiki Street	2 "	40.00
Kalihi Road and Beckley Street	3 "	35.00

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